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RE: Health Canada HPFB “Letters of No Objection”

Dear Valued Customer;

As of July 2, 2014, regulations administered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) were amended to remove the registration requirement for packaging and other materials used in federally registered establishments. Thus, pre-market approval in Canada for food packaging materials is no longer mandatory, with a few exceptions (e.g., packaging for infant formula). As before, the responsibility for ensuring the safety of packaged food products resides with the food seller, who is prohibited under Canada’s Food and Drugs Act and Regulations from placing into the market food that is unsafe, unfit for consumption, adulterated, or unsanitary.

Manufacturers of food packaging materials may continue to seek assessments by Health Canada’s Health Products and Food Branch (HPFB) as to the safety of their products on a voluntary basis. However, there is no legal obligation to obtain “Letters of No Objection” from HPFB; they are not a prerequisite to ensuring the safety of food packaging materials in Canada. As such, Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A. no longer requests nor obtains such letters from HPFB.

To assist you in your evaluations and information inquiries, our products’ U.S. FDA food contact declaration letters are posted on our website at www.fpcusa.com/ourproducts.html#FDA. Should you have any questions, please contact your Sales or Customer Service representative.

As always, You expect more. And Formosa delivers.®

Sincerely,

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